

think that probably Senator Hoagland and the others thought about those people where the employer actually allows them to drive the company vehicle to and from work. So it would seem that Senator Chambers has a very good point there, that if you can't get to work, it isn't fair because these people would actually then be considered on the job under workmen's compensation when they're driving that vehicle to the job site because the job is provided to them by the employer. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I would rise in opposition to this amendment, colleagues, and please understand that I think it's important to reject this amendment and let me explain why. This is a very carefully balanced bill and this bill is now under assault from those who don't want to make any change at all and it's now under assault from those that want to loosen the bill up more than we can really justify loosening it up. Now, Senator Chambers presented this proposal in the Judiciary Committee. We discussed it at length then and the committee decided that to allow a special permit to drive to and from work was simply opening the bill up too much. Now remember, everyone in the State of Nebraska who is convicted of first offense drunk driving loses their license for 60 days. The purpose of this bill, the narrow purpose of this bill is so that people that have to drive for a living will not have to lose their job. Now Senator Chambers would take that special class of people that have to drive for their living who are going to get an employment permit and also allow them to drive to and from work. Now if that happens, those people will be in a better position than the average person that does not have to have his license to keep his job. He would be treated even more favorably because you see part of the stress, part of the bite of the 60-day license suspension is that every day for 60 days you've got to take a bus to work or get a spouse to take you to work or walk to work or get to work on your own, you can't drive. And we shouldn't make an exception to that rule for people that have to have their license in order to keep their job. They should be treated the same. If I don't have to have a license to keep my job and my spouse has to take me to and from work, I should experience that penalty. If I do have to have a license to keep my job, I shouldn't be spared the penalty of having my spouse take me to and from work. So, you see, this would open the bill up